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In re application of:

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Examiner: Teresa D. Wessendorf

Group Art Unit: 1639

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, Applicants elect Group III, claims 33-62.

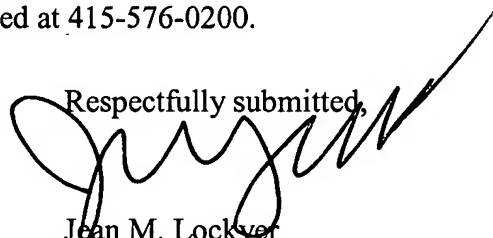
The Examiner also required election of: A) a species of candidate binding molecules, and B) a species of competitor binding molecules. In response, Applicants elect A) a candidate binding molecule that is an Fab fragment, and B) a competitor that is a single chain Fv. The claims of elected Group III that read on elected species A are claims 33-37, 39, 43-52, 54, and 58-62. The claims of elected Group III that read on elected species B are claims 33-35, 37-45, 48-50, and 52-60.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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